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When searching through different types of possible articles and pictures in the archives to use to relate to my subject, I found myself a little puzzled. Playing video games has not been around, or even more so popular, for very long now, so it was a little more difficult to find an archive that as useful for this project. However, I did come across a few different items about dorm life throughout the years, and decided that these would be most beneficial to me at this point.

Most of the archive materials I found were records instead of articles. I found old fliers sent to the students that resided in the dorms informing them of possible activities that dorm would be providing. These fliers were mostly from the late 1990's and were therefore not too different from any type of activity that would be offered now. In the aspect of suggestions for ways to utilize students pastime I would assume as time went further into the past the activities provided would be very different, but would still continue to exist in attempt to keep students out of trouble and on the right path.

Another interesting archive record I found was pictures of the dorms when they were first built. The picture I copied shows neatly arranged beds and desks that seem to sit in perfect straight lines. There are two men who live in the room, and one can be found at his desk appearing to be doing homework and the other lying on his bed reading. Everything in the room is neat and tidy. Now first of all, I am sure if they took a picture of someone's room today it would be cleaned and tidy, but everything in this picture from the past was just so perfect that I can't even imagine that other than the picture it could be found otherwise. Secondly, and most important in relation to my study, after the desk and the bed there was virtually nothing else to be found. There was no refrigerator, no microwave, no computers, and certainly no video gaming

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system.

These findings displays how much the existence of technology has changed throughout the years. Although my findings included no date it looks as if it was in the 1920's or 1930's. Basically, I can conclude that the same type of technology we enjoy for our pastime today, such as surfing the internet, watching television, or playing video games, did not exist when these pictures were taken, and would therefore make dorm life now very different from dorm life then.